

## Chapter 250 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

## Section 5

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 423 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, as amended by  
Chapter 250 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002

## Section 3

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Chapter 275 of the Acts of 2000, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2002**

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000 [and, at the end of June 30, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Sections 2 and 4 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect].

**Chapter 423 of the Acts of 2001, as amended by Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2002**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001. [It shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 5 of Chapter 275 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000. If that termination provision takes effect, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect. This Act may not be interpreted to have any effect on that termination provision.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 296**

**(Senate Bill 303)**

AN ACT concerning

**The Sara Hohne Patient Protection Act**

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting hospitals and certain other health care facilities from discharging certain patients to certain facilities or programs; providing a certain exception~~ allowing a hospital to discharge a patient under certain conditions; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose a civil money penalty ~~for certain violations under certain circumstances~~; providing for appeals from the imposition of a civil money penalty; and generally relating to the discharge of patients from health care facilities.